

**AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A silicone rubber having high tear propagation resistance, containing an ~~effective amount of~~, as reinforcing filler, silanized structurally modified pyrogenic silica, characterized by vinyl groups fixed to the silica and hydrophobic groups including methyl containing silyl groups also fixed to the silica and ~~having~~ a surface area, as measured by BET, between 10 and 1000 m.<sup>2</sup>/g and a DBP value % < 200 or not determinable, ~~as reinforcing filler~~.
2. (Previously presented) The silicone rubber according to claim 1, wherein the structurally modified hydrophobic pyrogenic silica filler has a surface area, as measured by BET, between 25 and 400 m.<sup>2</sup>/g.
3. (Previously Presented) The silicone rubber according to claim 1, wherein the silicone rubber is a liquid silicone rubber.
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Currently amended) The silicone rubber according to claim 1, wherein the structurally modified hydrophobic pyrogenic silica has a compacted bulk density between ~~of at least~~ approximately 120 g/l ~~but less than about~~ and 266 g/l.
6. (Currently amended) The silicone rubber according to claim 1, wherein the silanized structurally modified hydrophobic pyrogenic silica is present in an amount of ~~effective amount is~~ about twenty percent by weight of the composition.
7. (Currently amended) The silicone rubber according to claim 1, wherein the silanized structurally modified hydrophobic pyrogenic silica is further ground silanized structurally

modified hydrophobic pyrogenic silica ~~subsequent to surface and structure modification.~~

8. (Currently amended) The silicone rubber according to claim 1 ~~[[7]]~~, wherein the silanized structurally modified pyrogenic silica is ground, heat treated silanized structurally modified pyrogenic silica ~~subsequent to grinding, there is a heat treatment.~~

9. (New) The silicone rubber according to claim 3, wherein the liquid silicone rubber displays viscosities of 0.01 to 200 Pas.